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Note by the Secretariat

Addendum

As indicated in paragraph 4 of document A/C.5/51/22, addenda to that document will be issued as and when appropriate. The annex to the present addendum contains an enumeration of meetings additional to those presented in the annex to document A/C.5/51/22. As regards the meetings listed in the annex to that document, the in-session open-ended working group of the Commission on the Status of Women (item 2) can now be accommodated as a result of the anticipated release of capacity, which had earlier been reserved for servicing other meetings at a different date. The Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization (item 10) has now been scheduled to meet from 27 January to 7 February 1997 and can be accommodated on those dates. The parallel meetings of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice (item 21), to be held at Vienna from 24 April to 8 May 1997, may now be accommodated on the basis of new information provided by the United Nations Office at Vienna.

ANNEX

Meetings additional to those listed in the annex to document A/C.5/51/22

| Body | Location | Dates requested in 1997 | Comments |
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| 24. Third Committee - Working Group | New York | 20-24 January | Can be accommodated. |
| 25. Preparatory Committee on the establishment of an International Criminal Court: | New York | | |
| Third session | | 11-21 February | Can be accommodated. |
| Fourth session | | 11-22 August | Can be accommodated. |
| Fifth session | | 1-12 December | Cannot be accommodated. |
| 26. Ad Hoc Committee to Elaborate an International Convention for the Suppression of Terrorist Bombings | New York | 24 February-7 March | Can be accommodated. |
| 27. Sixth Committee - Working Group of the Whole on the Convention on the Law of the Non-Navigational Uses of International Watercourses | New York | 24 March-4 April | Cannot be accommodated from 24 to 27 March; can be accommodated from 31 March to 4 April. |
| 28. Preparatory Committee for the Fourth Special Session of the General Assembly devoted to Disarmament | New York | 14-18 July | Can be accommodated. |
| 29. First general meeting between the representatives of the secretariats of the United Nations and the Caribbean Community | New York | To be determined (2 days) | Can be accommodated. No conference services required. |
| 30. Informal Open-ended Working Group on an Agenda for Peace | New York | To be determined | Can be accommodated on the understanding that there would be no parallel meetings of the working groups of the General Assembly. |
| 31. Commission on Narcotic Drugs as the preparatory committee for the special session of the General Assembly on drugs | Vienna | March (2 days) | Can be accommodated. |
| 32. Meeting between the secretariats of the United Nations and the Organization of African Unity | Addis Ababa | To be determined (1 week) | Can be accommodated. |

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Addendum

1. In document A/C.5/51/22 and Add.1, the Secretary-General informed the General Assembly that the following proposed meetings could not be accommodated:

(a) Parallel meetings of the Ad Hoc Intergovernmental Panel on Forests, fourth session, 10-21 February 1997;

(b) Preparatory Committee on the Establishment of an International Criminal Court, fifth session, 1-12 December 1997;

(c) Sixth Committee Working Group of the Whole on the Convention on the Law of the Non-Navigational Uses of International Watercourses, 24-27 March 1997.

2. This was determined by applying the general criterion that, under most circumstances, the maximum conference-servicing capacity would be 80 meetings a week, the average being closer to 70 meetings, as budgetary resources were estimated to provide for a maximum of 3,500 meetings a year.

3. Now that the total number of proposed meetings additional to those scheduled in the calendar of conferences and meetings is known, the possibility of servicing the three sets of meetings listed above may be reviewed.

4. An uncertainty remains, namely, the meeting requirements of the Fifth Committee. In 1996 the Fifth Committee met for eight weeks and held a total of 80 meetings on an inter-sessional basis. Provisionally, 15 weeks of meeting services have been reserved for inter-sessional meetings of the Fifth Committee in 1997. Should the Fifth Committee exercise the option to use the entire 15 weeks of meeting services, no resources would be available to service the three sets of meetings listed above. On the other hand, should the Fifth Committee agree to meet for a maximum of eight weeks inter-sessionally, the residual provision for seven weeks could be allocated for the servicing of the three sets of meetings.

5. In the light of the above information, the Fifth Committee may wish to inform the General Assembly that it has reviewed the overall requirements for the servicing of meetings in 1997 and, after determining that it will meet for a maximum of eight weeks inter-sessionally, that it will be possible to accommodate the full list of meetings included in document A/C.5/51/22 and Add.1.

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